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## FARMER CHARGED WITH MER ROUGE MURDERS

### SHORT STORIES

Feeds With Fills, Facetious and Other.

#### YEP, POLKA, TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE

Twice the night before Christmas and all through the house not a thing was stirring. Not even a spoon. Not even a rubber. There wasn't even a housewife stirring.

The cat in the kitchen was all stirred. The fire on the hearth had been stirred. And the family upstairs asleep now had been stirred.

Outside the wind whistled. It was a right to whistled. It was going south to the warm country.

Inside, beautifully set to the very center of the parlor, a large fire place, sparkled a cold blue light. The whistling wind leaked down the chimney and the cozy lump of coal burst into a tiny flame.

"Whistling, whistling," whistled the wind as it leaked back. This was the Christmas of '22 and coal-burning was a very strange sight.

But the change was demanded by the fire. The fire could see four stockings hanging from the mantle. There were Mary's stockings. Mary was approximately 14, and had never asked being killed. Her stockings held no gold or silver for Mary to make her feet through the lumpy slaps in life there was a new change record on the mantle.

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Next came the old man's sock. It held tobacco, snuffing, and catnip. While nearby stood a new, shiny chair. This new chair came hard because it had been charged to him.

As the old man was sleeping he was dreaming Santa Claus drove a cool wagon.

By his side was Maria, dreaming the Christmas dinner, dishes, jumped from the table to go wash themselves and Mary went crazy and swept the floor for once.

In the next room, Mary was dreaming Santa Claus was a sleek in disguise, and his reindeer were camels (camel got fuel) and he was wearing around his head three times as the landed before a movie camera on a pile of million-dollar contracts.

And Henry was dreaming Santa Claus brought him a cannon and he was shooting potatoes at the north pole. At his side's house and he had one shell left off couldn't decide whether to shoot a policeman or a teacher.

Gray fingers of dawn reached through the curtained windows and up jumped the sun out of the east. Up jumped Mary. Up jumped Henry. Up jumped Maria. Up jumped papa. It was Christmas morning which comes only once a year and everything was stirred that possibly could stir.

But what we started out to say was "Merry Christmas."

JUST A SUGGESTION  
A pair of candlesticks to set

Boy Struck by Auto Loses Nails From Two Fingers

Struck by an automobile and the finger nails torn off two fingers in his left hand, Amel Mattar, 12-year-old son of Mrs. Mattar, 200 Fourth street, who resided to Mary Gates hospital about Saturday following the accident at the corner of Fourth street and Foster street.

The boy, who gained a serious laceration of the hand, and then sent to his home, it being impossible for hospital authorities that are unable to treat him.

## Crime Wave Sweeps the Nation

### JERUSALEM HAS SAD CHRISTMAS

Cradle of Christianity in Hands of Turks

#### CHRISTIANS EXILED

Fate of Thousands Rests on Lausanne Results

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23.—Christmas in the holy land of the Near East, cradle of Christianity, finds Christians facing the most widespread persecution and exile since the days of Christ.

Even here in Jerusalem the followers of the Man of Bethlehem believe there is little of peace on earth and good will toward men, and grim realization has come that the magnitude of the present exodus of Christians from their native lands by their ancient enemy, the Moslems, is unparalleled in history.

More than a million Christian refugees have been expelled from Anatolia since October, and the fate of approximately half a million more rests on the decisions at Lausanne.

The Holy City itself is spending a quiet holiday. A handful of Armenians and British, mainly Protestant, church leaders, will make the customary pilgrimage to the church of the Holy Sepulchre at Nazareth, to Bethlehem, and to the fields where the disciples watched their flock.

Owing to the presence of an American consular staff, the American presence among the pilgrims is the largest since the war.

### CASHIER ADMITS TAKING \$70,000

Kansas Says He Will Make Good Shortage

CHAMBERLAIN, Kan., Dec. 23.—Charles E. Sturdevant, former cashier of the Embury State Bank, held in connection with a collection of money, has admitted taking \$70,000 in bank and school funds, late today admitted the charge, according to Sheriff Anderson of Gray county.

Sturdevant declared he would make good the shortage.

He was ousted from the Embury bank which he founded several years ago, when a state bank examiner found a shortage due to alleged misappropriation of funds.

Sheriff Anderson arrested Sturdevant on the specific charge of embezzling school district funds to the extent of \$40,000.

### SUGARSCO DUE HERE ON MONDAY

Transmarine Vessel on Her Maiden Voyage Here

Arrival of the Transmarine line's first ship, the Sugarco, is now predicted for Monday, following its being reported last week by Florida, late Friday. It is a 72-hour run from San Key to Port Arthur.

The vessel is not expected to begin unloading until Tuesday.

Plans are being formed by Chamber of Commerce officials for an official welcoming party for the boat, but definite announcement in this connection will not be formed until the vessel's actual time of arrival becomes known.

### PARENTS DUEL

Husband Killed as Babies Play With Toys

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—While their two children played on the floor with their Christmas toys, Mrs. and Mrs. Peter Fillmore fought a gun duel which resulted in the husband's death, according to a confession the woman made to police tonight.

"We shot it out with revolvers," declared Mrs. Fillmore, who claimed her husband had abused her and the children.

Thelma Kaminski, a neighbor who witnessed the shooting, said Mrs. Fillmore fired the first shot which went "wild." After a brief exchange of bullets, the husband died.

"Police found Fillmore's body in the kitchen, a revolver still gripped in his hand."

### HE'S VISITING PORT ARTHUR TONIGHT



### Christmas Cheer Is Brought to 350 Port Arthur Families

Red Cross Churches, Refinery Workers Local No. 23 and Others Aid in Spread of Christmas Cheer to Needy

Starting late Saturday evening with the task of distributing Christmas boxes filled with gifts, fruits, nuts, candies and other remembrances of the Yuletide season, the Port Arthur Red Cross chapter brought the season's cheer to about 350 families in Port Arthur, officials reported.

Tonight the Refinery Workers' Local No. 23 will carry on the Santa Claus work in the city, it being reported by Henry Matthe, on behalf of the local, late Saturday afternoon that approximately 200 addresses of families which might be overlooked by Santa Claus had been turned over to that organization. All of them will be taken care of by the organization, he stated, in addition to gifts being distributed at the Neomunich Christmas tree under the auspices of the local tonight at 7:30 in Carpenter's Hall.

The gifts for the Red Cross were collected by various churches and other organizations, it was stated, and the chapter officials handled the distribution of the boxes Saturday.

The remembrances from the Refinery Workers Local were collected entirely by that organization, and will be distributed by its various members, it was said.

Effects Trivial.

Trivial effects have been made to reach every home in the city, it is said, which Santa Claus might not have found his way to, and as a result of the different work on the part of various organizations, and the sympathetic co-operation of practically the entire citizenship, it is believed that children's hearts will be made happy and entire families blessed with the joys of Christmas throughout the city.

It is believed that anyone in Port Arthur has been overlooked by those preparing to take the Yuletide spirit to the Port Arthur homes, a call to the Labor Forum office today and up until late tonight will send Santa Claus to the address given. Henry Matthe stated Saturday. "Between the community tree celebration tonight and the distribution of gifts throughout the city by the Refinery Workers' Local, provision has been made by that organization for supplying about 500 people," Matthe said.

### La Rose Plays Santa To Fire Station Laddies

Further evidences of the Christmas spirit blossomed out at Central fire station Saturday when each of the boys was presented with a killed fish and a cigar by Fire Chief Clyde La Rose, and the two platoons presented their captain, Bert Serweth and Dave Haezel, with shirts and cigars.

Gifts "previously acknowledged" at the fire station are a dozen chairs, the gift of Assistant Fire Chief George Stearns, and the boys presented cigars and a silver cigar case to Assistant Chief Stearns, and a leather hunting jacket and cigars to Chief La Rose.

### BANDITS SLAY, GRAB \$20,000

Jeweler Robbed of \$20,000 Worth of Diamonds

#### 6 KILL CHIEF CLERK

Advance Guard of \$19,400 Payroll Riddled

Bandit gangs were active in many parts of the country on the eve of Christmas.

Yeggs shot and killed a paymaster in Pittsburgh, robbing with \$20,000. An armed band terrorized Ludlow, Missouri, robbed a bank and escaped with \$3,000. Four holdup men robbed a paymaster in Detroit. In larger cities of the east an unusual number of arrests for petty thefts and burglaries were reported.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Bandits stole Christmas money, not \$3,000 when they held up Miss Mary Pickersell, cashier for the Heco Envelope company here today. A laundry safe was robbed of \$250 by cracksmen.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 23.—Harvey Weisman, jeweler was robbed of \$10,000 worth of diamonds, rings and \$150 in cash money.

NEW ORLEANS, La.—Bandits stole the Consumers Benefit company here today of \$6,000.

PORT ARTHUR, Tex.—A group of desperadoes tonight aided in the search for the bandits who got away with a Christmas payroll of \$19,400, after killing J. P. Dennis, chief clerk of the Harrison mine of the Pittsburgh Coal company at Beaufort, near here.

Dennis, who was riding on a motorcycle as advance guard of the automobile containing the superintendent of the mine and watchman, was shot without warning and his body riddled with buckshot. He died on the way to a hospital.

### ALLEGED BUNK SPEILER HELD

Took Groceries on Credit, Sold for Cash, Say Police

Taking quantities of groceries that he got on credit and a "hard luck story" from various grocers throughout the city, and disposing of them to other grocers led to the arrest and booking on the police blotter for investigation of a man who, police believe, has operated here for at least a week past, they said Saturday night.

The sale of several dozen eggs to a merchant on the outskirts of the city aroused the suspicions of the buyer regarding the salesman, police said, and Detective Chief Dick Parsley lodged the man in jail for investigation.

A batch of bills from between \$5 and \$20 grocers here, made out to the man, were also located. Detective Parsley said.

### Warrants for 46 Rail Strikers Are Issued

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 23.—Warrants for the arrest of 46 rail strikers and sympathizers were issued by the district court late today, following recent disturbances at Houston.

The warrants charged picketing, conspiracy to obstruct operation of the railroads and disturbance of the peace and were issued under provisions of the state industrial court law.

### Beaumont Child Is Bitten by Mad Cat; Hydrophobia Feared

BEAUMONT, Dec. 23.—Another child has been bitten by a cat thought to have hydrophobia, according to police reports today. The first case reported this week. The head of the child was sent to the Pastern Institute at Austin for examination. Police failed to get the child's name.

### POINCARÉ NARROWLY ESCAPES AUTO HURTS

PARIS, Dec. 23.—Premier Poincaré narrowly escaped serious injury tonight in an automobile accident. A taxicab was in violent collision with the French premier's car but Poincaré was not injured.

### EUROPE PINS ITS HOPE TO HARVEY

Believes Financial Fate Rests on U. S. Ambassador

#### NO LONGER "OBSERVER"

Political Wags Suddenly Find He Holds Key

LONDON, Dec. 23.—European nations feel their financial fate rests in a large measure upon the shoulders of a slender, bespectacled American, who wields the deck of the liner Harbinger on route to the United States tonight.

Extent of America's return to European affairs in its proposed intervention to untangle the old world economic chaos will be determined upon a basis of what this man, George Harvey, the ex-editor, ambassador to the court of St. James, tells President Harding and Secretary of State Hughes, upon his arrival in Washington. It was generally believed in London.

Regarding as Key

In semi-official circles, at least, Harvey is regarded as holding the key to the situation. If he pleads Europe's cause and says she is deserving of aid, the popular belief here is that aid will be forthcoming from Washington. If he condemns the allied nations, the American attitude may not be so favorable toward them.

Harvey, called home by official Washington to confer on the European situation, left England this afternoon, his departure being taken quietly and without ceremony. The "Harvey report" has been the object of much speculation.

Harvey, who has been called to the United States to confer with the American government in Europe, has been in London in recent weeks, according to European newspapers, and has been seen by the whole world in connection with the procedure of American intervention in the reparations and other problems.

British Wags Lose Airs

Eyes of officialdom in British and continental capitals are admittedly upon the ambassador. These officials who must be so sagaciously allude to him as the "American observer" and smiled upon his insistence in plotting a Ford about London with benign tolerance have suddenly realized that he holds the future of their countries.

The ambassador was non-committal when he boarded the steamer today. Smiling genially and squinting through his famous, bushy eyebrows, he seemed to be fully prepared to answer any question that the length of his Washington stay would depend on officials there and that he wanted to visit Mrs. Harvey at Cadonia before returning to London.

Harvey declared he wanted to rest after strenuous experiences in dealing with international politics which have already left marks of strain.

### MRS. SHAFFER TO BE BURIED IN BEAUMONT

Mrs. Helena Shaffer of 210 Sixth street, who died in Kerrville, Texas, Friday, will be buried in Magnolia cemetery, Beaumont, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, according to word received by relatives here today. Mrs. Shaffer had been in Kerrville for about two weeks.

The deceased was a member of the Port Arthur Woodmen Circle, and had resided in Port Arthur for some time. She is survived by her husband, Charles Shaffer, and one son, Gus Shaffer.

### FREE FIGHT ENDS IN ARREST OF 3

After fight broken up when one man's head breaks Club

Blood from several cuts and fountains by falls through a plate glass window and blows from six-shooters and policemen's rifles covered the sidewalk in the 400 block on Foster street following a free-for-all fight staged about 9 o'clock Saturday night.

After the fight, three men, giving the name of George Caldwell, Guy Caldwell and Ed Borden, were arrested by Night Captain Fox. Officers Strawn, Pettit and Champagne and complaints of affray were lodged on the police blotter against them. Caldwell and Caldwell were released on \$50 bonds.

In breaking up the fight, Officer Strawn broke his billy half in two when he rapped one of the fighters over the head, it was reported. A crowd of several hundred people were drawn to the scene of the battle. None was seriously injured, according to police.

### Store on Houston Avenue Is Scene of Miniature Barrage

A lighted fire cracker intended for a policeman, but dropped prematurely into a pile of fireworks in front of Jim Mann's store, 520 Houston avenue, destroyed \$50 worth of fireworks, burned holes in the top of an automobile parked in front of the place by an Illinois visitor in Port Arthur, and nearly resulted in a fight between firemen and the owner of the establishment about 1:30 Saturday afternoon. Fire Chief Clyde La Rose declared Saturday night.

When Hanni saw firemen, reeling out hose, he thought they were preparing to wet down his store, the rest of his fireworks display and other goods, and became intensely belligerent, Chief La Rose said. The blaze was put out with chemical apparatus, and the flames were confined to the pile of fireworks and the top of the stranger's auto.

### C. OF C. INVITES NOTABLES HERE

Congress Harbor Body Is Asked to View District

Invitation to the congressional district and harbor committee to visit Port Arthur and the fishing district and view the harbor, was made by the Chamber of Commerce, which has been addressed by St. Wallace Dempsy, chairman, by both the city and the Chamber of Commerce.

The city's invitation was forwarded by Mayor Logan, while the Chamber of Commerce invitation was at the hands of J. C. Bliss, chairman of the harbor water committee of the organization.

The invitation includes one to the board of rivers and harbors committee of the army, should they accompany the committee, and contains an offer to take charge of the party at New Orleans and show them everything they might desire to see in Louisiana or Texas.

### EYES OF WORLD TURNED TO U. S.

Pope Pius XI Delivers Message to America

ROME, Dec. 23.—The eyes of the world are turned to noble America. Pope Pius XI declared tonight in a special Christmas message to the people of the United States, transmitted to the United Press by Cardinal Gasparri.

The message follows:

"May the coming Christmas be a dawn of better times for poor human souls, which is still weighed down by the results of the war. Fully four times Christmas has come and gone since the cessation of hostilities, but the peace which was heralded has not returned to the hearts of men, all efforts having so far been in vain."

"The eyes of the world are turned to noble America. May God inspire that generous people and give it the glory of raising the world from the most terrible crisis ever recorded in history."

### Jap Jumps From 12th Story, Hits Sand, Lives

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—M. Fuku, Japanese, leaped from the twelfth story of a downtown office building, landed in a pile of sand and was carried to the emergency hospital still alive. Physicians announced there is a good chance for the man's recovery.

### COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA, FIRE LOSS \$300,000

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, Dec. 23.—Fire today destroyed the Rogers building here and badly damaged the building occupied by the Daily Neopauler, causing a loss which may exceed \$300,000.

The fire was caused by an explosion in the American Railway Express company on the first floor, according to the janitor.

### HOLIDAY TRAINS HIT PASSENGERS ESCAPE

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 23.—Lives of dozens of holiday travelers were imperiled late today when two passenger trains on the Rock Island railroad came together at Mossville, near here. Trainmen saw the coming crash in time to jump, and although both engines were reduced to scrap iron, none of the passengers were injured. Cause of the collision is not yet known.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The News, in keeping with a time-honored custom, will not be issued Christmas day in order that its employees may enjoy the day with their families and friends. "Christmas comes but one a year" and it is the wish of The News that all connected with its publication be given a holiday in keeping with the Yuletide spirit.

For its readers, this paper wishes a Merry Christmas in every sense of the word in keeping with the day's holy dedication to the Man of Galilee who came to save.

Weather, fair.

East Texas: Sunday fair, with warmer; Monday fair, with warmer; Sunday fair, with warmer; Monday fair, with warmer.



# LONDON STIRRED BY COURT TRIALS

## Women Figure in Several Sensational Cases

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Sensation after sensation echoed from the court rooms of London on Thursday, when the usually dry proceedings took a sensational turn.

1. Mrs. Edith Thompson and her lover, Edward Hyatt, meet die on the scaffold for the murder of the former's husband. The lord chief justice dismissed their appeal from the finding of a lower court. This case has stirred the whole country which is debating the legal ethics of taking the life of Mrs. Thompson, who is about to become a mother. Mrs. Thompson and Hyatt were convicted of having stabbed Thompson, after their efforts to poison him had failed.

The appeal court, in rejecting their action, stated: "This is a squalid, indecent case of just wherein the husband was murdered in a cowardly fashion partly because others wanted his money. The victim is the only one entitled to sympathy."

2. Viscountess Rhonda, who has the distinction of being the first woman ever to sit in the house of lords, although she was once sentenced to prison for her husband's murder, was granted a divorce from her husband after the most sensational testimony had been introduced. The husband, Sir Humphrey Mackworth, did not contest the action and left charges of misconduct with some of Britain's prominent and famous beauties go unanswered. The viscountess is the widow of Viscount Rhonda, former administrator of England during the world war.

3. The harsh shriek of a wailing woman in black that she was the victim of the \$10,000,000 estate of Viscount Northcliffe almost broke up the hearing on the probate of the famous publisher's will. "I wish his will set aside; the estate belongs to me," she told the court. It was later disclosed that the woman who said the name of Mrs. Thomas was slightly deranged and frequently pursued similar tactics at the hearing of will cases.

4. A woman lawyer, for the first time in the history of English jurisprudence, won a case before the bar when Miss Helena Normanton secured a divorce for a client. Many male attorneys appeared in court and urged the woman when she sat before the judge. She was helped over the technical hump by the man when she described her client's husband as a "book-maker" when she meant "book-maker."

# 425 ON BALLOT

## C. of C. 'Ticket' Ready for January 7 Election

Nearly every member of the Chamber of Commerce will have a chance to vote for himself or for practically any other member of the organization in the election of Chamber of Commerce directors Tuesday week. At least 425 names will appear on the official ballot, according to the Chamber, general manager of the organization, and the same number will be entitled to vote in the election.

This number is the result of the payment in full for dues in the organization for the past year—Saturday, the last day for payment to qualify for the ballot and the election, bringing a number of payments. The right of payment, however, is attributed to a healthy interest in the selection of the new directors, and a desire to vote thereon, rather than a desire to qualify members' names for the ballot. With 425 names on the ballot and 10 to be elected, entries in general would be looked at odds of about 40 to 1 in such a field.

The British government estimates that England has spent more than \$100,000,000 on Mesopotamia since the armistice.

# This Topcoat Is Hard to Beat



For service and general utility even nothing surpasses the famous overcoat. It is made of the finest material and is guaranteed to last for years.

# COAST TO COAST DOPE PROBE IS ON

## U. S. Attorney Says Names of Users Astounding

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—Investigation of a nation-wide "dope ring" with tentacles reaching from the Atlantic to the Pacific has been begun by the federal grand jury here.

Evidence being presented is shrouded with the greatest secrecy, but it is known that United States Attorney Joe Burke, hopes to emerge from the grand jury chamber at the conclusion of the investigation with indictments of a character which will bring the "master mind" of the national ring into the folds of the law.

**Social Lights On List**  
There is no doubt that narcotics are pouring into this country in greater quantities than ever before, despite an increasing number of arrests all over the country," Burke said. "Straight morphine, 'hipp,' the Chinese opium preparation smoked in pipes, you also, a second grade of the same thing, heroin, cocaine, and other forms of drugs are even being distributed under trade names and sold in defiance of federal laws."

Burke admitted having in his possession a list of names in Los Angeles and Hollywood whose names, if published, will astound the country because of their prominence in social and national picture circles.

# 2 KILLED WHEN KATY TRAIN STRIKES AUTO

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 23.—Two men were killed at Port San Antonio, a few miles north of this city, when a small touring car was run down by a Katy train. The men were identified as S. W. Saliers, a salesman of this city, and John W. Hanna of Seguin, Texas.

Witnesses declare the auto raced with the train trying to make the crossing in time, but misjudged the speed of the train.

August is the healthiest month in the year except for very young children.

# HARDING ISSUES BUT ONE PARDON

## Vigorous Campaign Planned by Amnesty Workers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Butter is disappointed by the failure of President Harding to grant a Christmas pardon to more than one political prisoner, political amnesty workers tonight planned a new and vigorous campaign for commutation of sentence for the sixty still in federal prisons.

The campaign will get under way early in 1923, it was said. John Pancher, Detroit, sentenced to ten years in jail and a fine of \$20,000, received the pardon today and will tomorrow be on his way to Detroit from the Leavenworth penitentiary. His wife, who came here with the famous "children crusader," and assisted in picking the White House, will leave for Detroit within a day or two. She has been working here.

"Lucky Guy," Says Wife  
Overwhelmed by the news of her husband's pardon, Mrs. Pancher broke into tears and cried out: "My goodness, wasn't he a lucky guy?"

Pancher was convicted with twenty-eight others in the famous Chicago I. W. W. cases in August, 1918. He was charged with being an organizer for the I. W. W. He was arrested in Rockford, Ill. Pancher started his sentence three years ago. Of the sixty political prisoners still in federal prisons twenty-eight were convicted in the Chicago I. W. W. cases; twenty-four in the Sacramento I. W. W. case; and four in the Kansas City I. W. W. cases.

# Take No Chances With Burns; Tetanus May Be The Penalty, Says Reed

## Remember, four died in Port Arthur shortly after Christmas last year as a result of lockjaw developing from powder burns received from fire crackers, cap pistols and other fireworks

This is the warning heard Saturday by Dr. Pat Reed, city health officer, urging care at this time lest other tragedies result from apparently minor burns and injuries. "Don't wait until powder burns get to hurting before you see the family physician," Dr. Reed said, and pointed out that simple first-aid, administered immediately after the injury is sustained, is most often effective in checking further developments of the wounds and preventing tetanus or lockjaw.

Out of powder burns wounds seemingly insignificant, lockjaw can develop, Dr. Reed said, and stressed the point that no chances should be taken in case of injury while playing with fireworks.

# Pointer Stolen 15 Minutes After Taken From Express Office

Fifteen minutes after he had gotten a pointer bird dog out of the express office, Frank Vaughn, attorney, was together the end of the string he had used to tie the dog in his automobile and returning to the police that the dog had been stolen from his car, parked in front of a drug store on the corner of Houston and Seventh street Saturday night.

"The string was cut and the dog had away while I was in the drug store for about four minutes," Vaughn told the police.

# U. S. WILL SOON EXPOSE PLANS

## European Affairs Occupy Minds of Leaders

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The American government tonight was continuing its study of plans to solve the German reparations crisis and aid Europe on the path to reconstruction and peace.

While President Harding and Secretary of State Hughes planned to spend as much time as possible with their families over the holidays, they are constantly in touch with the European situation and are devoting a great deal of attention to the subject.

With Europe still in the dark as to just what America intends to do, the "irreconcilable" element in the senate here, which brought about the defeat of the Versailles treaty, is active on the present question, and with developments generally converging towards a "show down" regarding this country's plans, the government still maintained its strict silence.

This fact prevailing, Washington continued itself with waiting for the following developments in the situation, any of which might develop the government's plans to the point of execution and announcement:

1. A speech that Senator Lodge, majority leader and chairman of the foreign relations committee, intended to make in the senate as soon as possible, probably Wednesday, giving the administration's answer to the French amendment requesting President Harding to call a world economic conference in Washington. Lodge has conferred with Secretary Hughes, and may reveal, at least partially, what the United States intends to do.

# GOLD SMUGGLED OUT OF MEXICO

## Depositors Become Uneasy, States Official

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 23.—Director of Customs Roy Campbell has confirmed the report that large trunks of thousands of dollars of Mexican gold have been smuggled into the United States from Mexico following the failure of several banks throughout that country. It is believed by the collector of customs that the gold is carried by airplanes from a base near Nuevo Laredo to San Antonio, from where it is shipped to New Orleans for whatever disposition the owners desire to make of it.

**Caused by Embargo**  
The cause for the wholesale smuggling of Mexican gold resulted from an embargo placed by the Mexican government upon exportation of the metal. Depositors of gold in Mexican banks, Collector Campbell said, have become uneasy and resort to these means to remove their deposits.

Two large planes with double propellers have been seen to cross and pass the Rio Grande, according to Captain Charles Stevens, supervisor of mounted inspectors along the border. His theory is that tobacco and silk are smuggled into Mexico and of the return trip gold is carried out.

# Our Wish for You

The very best Greetings of the Very best Season Of the year. May the Christmas Chimes bring you Endless happiness.

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## Happy New Year

# Toggery Shop

WASH IT FOR LESS

in the European situation.  
2. Further moves such as the Lorrain amendment to the naval appropriation bill (referred to "smoke out" the administration as to its plans in the European problems) and in the world situation generally.  
3. The arrival here about the first of the year of George Harvey, American ambassador to London, who has been called home by President Harding and Secretary Hughes for consultation on the European crisis.  
4. The reconvening of the conference of European ambassadors at Paris in January 2, to make another attempt to bring about a settlement of the reparations and European crisis, following the failure of the recent London meetings.  
5. The expiration on January 15, of the present German moratorium, when if Germany does not meet her next reparations obligations, France threatens to take drastic action against her, and which generally will bring European crisis to a head.

# TENANT KILLS FARMER WITH AUTOMATIC GUN

FORT SMITH, Ark., Dec. 23.—Monger Brooks, a farmer, aged 45, was shot and killed near Piggaw, Okla., today by Charles Beas, 25, tenant farmer on the Brooks place, according to word received here. Beas used an automatic shotgun. The shooting occurred in the yard of the Brooks home. The cause for the shooting was unknown.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 23.—Five men were overcome by gas fumes and flames valued at \$354,000 were destroyed by fire at Universal City last today.

The fire broke out in the cutting room of the editorial department, a small building of four rooms. Between 55 and 60 prints were consumed by the fire in less than three minutes. The damage to the building itself amounted to less than \$200. The cause of the blaze has not been determined.

# Here's wishing you a good Old Fashioned Joyful Christmas

# Jacob & Lipph

## JEWELERS

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Good Friends always seem closer at Christmas time, and because I cannot see you all personally, I send you this message of remembrance—

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

# Port Arthur Lumber Co.







